

KIDS IN HOT WATER.

Children Who Got Into Trouble and Kept the Police of Two Cities Very Busy Yesterday.

FREDDIE AUSTIN SHOT IN THE HEAD.

His Assaultant Runs Away, and When Captured Says He Couldn't Help the Shooting.

YOUNGSTERS WHO STOLE DYNAMITE.

A Girl Who Aided Mysteriously and Told a Very Strange Story.

ARSENIC AND AMMONIA.

Terrible Fear of Hydrophobia Seizes Mrs. Virginia Heubner to Commit Suicide—A Sad Story Developing at the Coroner's Inquest Yesterday Evening.

The Coroner's inquest on the suicide of Mrs. Virginia Heubner, who took arsenic and ammonia on Sunday, as reported in yesterday's DISPATCH, was held last night at her late residence, No. 22 Penn avenue.

The testimony developed a very sad case. John Heubner, husband of the deceased, testified that his wife was 54 years of age. They lived together happily, had no children, and he is employed as a night watchman at a local factory.

Heubner has a large dog which accompanies him to the factory, and keeps him company during his watch at night. He has been in the habit of taking the dog home with him in the morning, and the animal spent the day there while his master was sleeping.

One day a few weeks ago the dog got into a fight with another, and Mrs. Heubner, not wishing to arouse her husband, attempted to separate the beasts and was bitten on the hand.

The wound was not serious, but Mrs. Heubner was of a nervous temperament and as she became frightened at the possibility of hydrophobia as a result of the injury, her husband tried to quiet her fears, but the wound proved on her mind sleeping or waking until she had become delirious.

He claimed he threw the pistol away, but it could not be found where he had indicated. Bates declared the shooting was entirely accidental, but he was locked up until the case is investigated.

For some time past the workmen blasting along the line of the Ft. Wayne road at Superior station have missed quantities of dynamite and blasting powder.

The men who had been carrying dinners to some of the workmen, were seen acting suspiciously and were followed by one of the bosses. He told his suspicions to a policeman, and they followed the boys.

The youngsters headed for the Ohio Connecting bridge and stopped at the foot of one of the land piers. The officer then arrested the boys, and on each one was found a stick of dynamite. A search showed a box built at the foot of the pier and in it was found 27 sticks of the dangerous explosive as well as about ten pounds of rock powder.

Refused to State Their Object. The boys declared they did not intend to blow up the bridge but could give no explanation as to why they should steal such peculiar material. Their names were George Koefsky, Kosuth Lorenz, Johan Voltrick.

As the company did not wish to prosecute and on account of the youth of the boys they were released. The eldest was 15, the youngest 12.

Alfred Verdam, a ten-year-old boy, whose parents live at 272 Robinson street, Allegheny, was locked up in Central Station last night on suspicion of having stolen a bicycle and a watch.

He was released on a \$100 bond. He ran from home last Friday, and was found by the police, and Agent Deen turned him over to his parents yesterday. He ran away from home last Friday, and was found by the police, and Agent Deen turned him over to his parents yesterday.

Striking Matches to Find a Man. Annie Neville, a young girl, was arrested early yesterday morning by Officer Cox, on Second avenue, on complaint of a Mrs. McLaughlin, who said the girl had been seen near her house striking matches and she was afraid the girl would set fire to the place as it had been burned mysteriously some time ago.

George Wolf, with a number of companions, was playing on Forbes street, near Lawn street, yesterday afternoon, when a crowd gathered to see a large iron safe and a truck hit it. The car struck him on the side of the head, cutting a terrible gash. He was picked up and carried into a home nearby.

Small Scraps of Local News. At the quarterly meeting of the U. P. Ministry Synod on Ninth street, yesterday morning, the special committee on legislation of Allegheny Council met last night to consider the street bills now before the Legislature.

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ROASTED THE TAX BILL.

Taggart's Revenue Effort Severely Set Down in the Chamber of Commerce—A Request for More Ship Canal Commission Reports—More Money Than Usual.

The Chamber of Commerce held its regular session at the old Talmadge on Fifth street. At the opening the Auditing Committee reported that there was \$2,314 40 in the treasury. The balance last year was only \$1,578 80. The increase was largely explained by the fact that the Chamber had not been paying rent since the fire at the Germania Bank building.

After some other routine business had been transacted Captain Herbert, in the absence of Chairman George H. Anderson, reported the action of the Committee on Legislation on the Taggart tax bill, known as House bill 210. The report was as follows:

The Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the proposed act of Assembly to provide for the collection of revenue for local purposes by the taxation of real estate, personal property and corporate property, find that in their opinion the bill in question is unnecessary, inequitable, impolitic and unjust to workers of raw material, and is in violation of the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Pennsylvania.

We, therefore, recommend that the Chamber of Commerce protest against the passage of said bill, and further that the subject be referred to the Committee of Manufacturers for their action on the bill.

The report was unanimously adopted with several amendments and copies of the report were ordered printed and sent to the members of the Legislature.

Colonel T. P. Roberts then submitted a resolution requesting the Legislature to print an edition of 3,000 copies of the report of the Erie Ship Canal Commission for distribution. The resolution was unanimously carried.

At the close of the meeting Chairman Miller announced the names of the new Committee on Commercial Relations with the South American Republics. They were: Porter, John F. Dravo and John Bindley.

CAUGHT THE LAST ONE.

Dan Dever, the Only Remaining Member of the Fitzsimmons Gang Known to the Detectives, is Arrested in Philadelphia—He Was in the Schmidt Robbery.

Daniel F. Dever, the eighth member of the Fitzsimmons gang, was arrested yesterday. He was the last member against whom the detectives have any positive evidence. Dever was connected with the famous Schmidt jewelry robbery at Homestead.

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IT HAS GONE UNDER.

Manufacturers of Patent Medicines Cannot Maintain a Trust.

STATUTES ARE AGAINST THEM. Contracting Stonemasons Vote to Lockout Their Employers.

MISCELLANEOUS INDUSTRIAL ITEMS. The proposed combination of the manufacturers of proprietary medicines and wholesale druggists against department stores and other dealers who cut the prices of these medicines has proved a failure.

The promoters of the scheme have discovered that they could not operate the coupon plan without coming in contact with the national anti-trust law, and the plan was therefore dropped. They also found that several States have special statutes that would be violated by the operation of the system.

It is reported that the organization had secured the indorsement of the required number of manufacturers, and the plan was to have been submitted to the retail trade for their approval, when it is said a legal opinion that had been secured, stopped all proceedings. The legal advisor reported that it would be impossible to maintain any scheme by which several manufacturers should combine for the mutual maintenance of the prices of their several commodities.

A Maker Sets His Own Price. Any plan to maintain prices for which a success of hope can be entertained must be one in which an individual manufacturer seeks to maintain the price of his own manufacture alone. Further, it is given out that a manufacturer may control the price of his goods, but he may refuse to manufacture and he may refuse to sell save at such prices as shall be satisfactory to him.

If he cannot maintain his retail price his wholesale price will suffer, and the manufacturer will be forced to insist upon the maintenance of a retail price for the purpose of sustaining the wholesale price.

For these reasons those at the head of the combine concluded that, as the plan forbade the sale by wholesale dealers to retailers on a "prohibited list," and prevented a retailer from receiving a rebate on the list, it was not a safe one with which to be identified.

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ASKING FINANCIAL AID.

Committee Soliciting Money for the Evicted Miners. Committees have been sent to the city from the coke region to solicit financial aid for the evicted strikers in the Connellsville region. John Burns and Andrew Koschik, the first two persons evicted at West Leisenberg, were with a committee that arrived here yesterday. They held credentials signed by Master Workman Peter Wise, with the seal of Union No. 1827 attached, authorizing them to collect for their unfortunate co-laborers.

They called at the DISPATCH office for the purpose of making arrangements to have donations intended for them left in the care of the industrial union. They report that they are sadly in need of funds. The strike and subsequent eviction has been in the nature of a calamity to them and many of them are without the means to provide shelter.

HE IS MANAGER NOW. Andrew Lee, an Eastern Puddler, Receives a Deserving Promotion. Andrew Lee has just assumed the management of the puddling department in the Kensington mill of Lloyd Sons & Co. Mr. Lee has been looked upon as one of the leading lights of the Amalgamated Association.

For the last 10 years he has been constantly with the puddling department, representing the Eastern District. He was at one time spoken of as the successor to President John Jarrett, instead of Mr. Weibe.

Mr. Lee is among the smallest and lightest puddlers ever seen in any mill in Pittsburgh, being less than five feet high and weighs little more than 100 pounds. He came here from Philadelphia less than a year ago and has since been working at the puddling furnace in the Wayne mill of Brown & Co., at Tenb street.

LOCKED OUT INSTEAD. Stone Masons Will Be Forced to Leave Their Work To-Day. Instead of the stone masons striking yesterday, their employers met last night and resolved unanimously on the subject of locking the men out. The trouble started at the building of the new Providence Mission in Allegheny, where the contract for the stone work is held by one man and that of the brick work by another.

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FRIENDS NO LONGER.

The Baby Show Breaks Up the Affection Between Two Families. Trouble Between Nos. 25 and 26. Neighboring Loves Could Not Stand the Strain of Rivalry.

HEATED WORDS FOLLOWED BY A CLINCH. The baby show is over, but it has left its scars behind. Friendships have been shattered, communities disrupted, neighbors look askance at each other, and children refuse to make mud pies out of the same puddle.

The blighting breath of the baby show has withered the flowers of spontaneous affection which bloom in the spring, when urban housewives seek advice as to summer dresses and rural matrons boil soap in a common kettle and harmony.

The saddest of these incidents was brought to light yesterday. Nos. 25 and 26 at the baby show were working at a pretty little suburb. Their vice-embroidered cottages nestle side by side, their little ones played together and ever and anon threatened to "tell ma" about each other's delinquencies.

The heads of the respective households would borrow chewing tobacco from each other, and in the summer evenings would sit outside their doors and, with their chairs tilted back, agree heartily in declaring that every man of their political belief was an inhuman traitor.

Longing for a Paradise on Earth. They gave each other good advice as to the best crops to sow in their little gardens, praised each other's children, and mourned in common the fall of Adam, which compelled them to earn their food by the sweat of their brow when they might just as well be living on a coral-reef island in the Indian Ocean, with bread-fruits, pineapples and other tropical and high-priced fruit right to their hands, the only labor necessary being to shake a tree or two before meal time.

Thus the two families lived, as harmoniously as the two monks in the fable, who mourned that the unfortunate fate of association which their fathers did. But a serpent entered this Eden. The baby show was originated, and each mother insisted, with a mental reservation, that the other one's youngest olive branch could not fail to secure a first prize.

Then, again, it was their duty to stir up their husbands, and the prize offered was a large one, and would materially assist in keeping up the building of the new Providence Mission. Fortified with this virtuous resolve and a jag of maternal pride, these good women sent their identities under the numbers 25 and 26.

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